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LONGEST TRIP ON RECORD FOR MUSICAL CLUBS

Nine Appearances Guaranteed, With Arcade and Mamaroneck probable, Assure Western Trip,

ROME CONCERT SATURDAY.

After the fifth concert of the season, which will be given in the Masonic Temple at Rome on Saturday night, final cuts will be made by Leaders Banks and Ogilvie before the clubs leave, thirty-one strong, for the longest Easter trip in the history of the organizations. Manager Donoghue has eight concerts scheduled for the week following Easter Sunday, with two others and a possibility of one more on the first three days of vacation, bringing the total number of appearances on the trip to eleven.

First Night at Warsaw.

Leaving the Hill on Thursday, April 20, the first date will be filled at Warsaw that night. Manager Donoghue is negotiating with Arcade, N. Y., for the following day, and Tonawanda holds the card on Saturday. John H. Patton '15, was instrumental in securing this date, and is also planning to entertain the men over Easter Sunday. The following week the route strikes into Ohio with a concert at Painesville on Monday night, under the auspices of the Lake Erie College for girls. On Tuesday the clubs are due at Youngstown, O., where Rev. William G. White '85, pastor of the Westminster Church, has made the arrangements. He reports an advance sale of 800 tickets, which augurs well for a successful appearance.

Two Matinees.

On Wednesday the clubs swing back into New York State for concerts at Olean, Wednesday afternoon under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A., and at Franklinville that night in the High School. The Binghamton concert on Thursday, which is being managed by Frederick W. Welsh '92, will be the last appearance before the final dates in the close vicinity of New York City. On Friday afternoon, Mamaroneck will be visited, and Tarrytown at night. Robert A. Patteson '87, was instrumental in securing this date. Norman J. Marsh '14, has secured the Hotel Astor Ballroom for the final concert on Saturday, which will end a trip of approximately 1500 miles.

A Utica concert on May 8, together with the four already given, will swell the total number to 17,

Thursday, April 20, Warsaw, N.Y.
Friday, April 21, Arcade, N. Y. (possibly).
Saturday, April 22, Tonawanda.
Monday, April 24, Painesville, O.
Tuesday, April 25, Youngstown, O.
Wednesday, April 26, afternoon, Olean; evening, Franklinville, N. Y.
Thursday, April 27, Binghamton.
Friday, April 28, afternoon, Mamaroneck; evening, Tarrytown.
Saturday, April 29, New York.

EVANGELISTS HOLD SERVICES

Bergner '16, Muir '17, and Beach '18, conducted a series of Evangelistic services at the Park Baptist Church, Utica, last week, begining Thursday evening and continuing thru Sunday. Bergner had charge of the music, while Muir and Beach were the speakers.

The Y. M. C. A. during the Easter recess will hold evangelistic services in Mexico, N. Y., and Camden, N.Y. Those who will conduct the campaign at Mexico are Muir, Bergner and Beach. Fenn '16, with the aid of Huntsman, Brooks, '18, and Norton '17, will hold special services at Camden.

The meetings in Mexico will begin on Auril 21 and continue until the 30th. Rev. D. T. Roberts '94, is the head of the committee in charge of

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Press Club to Hear Veteran Editor

Hugh Hughes, managing editor of the Utica "Daily Press," has been secured to speak to the Press Bureau on Thursday evening at 7:30 in the Law Room of the Library, on "Newspapers and Publicity." This is the first of a series of talks by veteran newspapermen that will be held by the Bureau. Mr. Hughes is one of the best known up-state editors, and is a man of interesting personality.

A regular meeting of the Bureau will be held on Thursday afternoon at 4:30, when further details of organization will be settled. At the last meeting, four new members, W. K. Jones, Holden' '17, Woods '18, Shirley '19, were added

MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES.

The regular April meeting of the Board of Trustees of the College will be held in Truax Hall, Saturday, April 15. at 9:30 a. m. 8:30 classes will be held at 8, with Chapel services at 9.

1916 Will Dance at Commencement

Trustee Committee Will Make Arrangements for Big Informal.

Commencement Week will bloom and blossom in rivalry to Junior Prom, with the latest innnovation in the form of an informal dance to be given entirely by the Trustee Committee on Undergraduate Activities. Joseph Rudd '90 conceived the idea of infusing some new life into Friday of Commencement Week, by staging a dance in the Gymnasium after the Prize Debate, Latin Play, etc., to which everyone will be cordially invited. Alumni are expected to bring their wives to join in the merry round. A band of sixteen or eighteen pieces will outdo Zita in all his glory, according to Calder, ex-'14, who is chairman of the committee of arrangements.

Mr. Rudd, who first advocated the week-end Commencement, guarantees a big time, and wants to see every young alumnus come back to the Hill and join in with the older in a rejuvenation of "pep" which will make the shades of night recede at sixty per. For this purpose he proposes to illumine the Campus in real style, to promote the informality of the affair. Details of the plan will appear in next week's **Life.**

Chamber Music Saturday Night

Saturday evening, April 15, at 8 o'clock, Dr. A. P. Saunders will give his fourth chamber music recital of the season at his home. Those who have had the pleasure of hearing Dr. Saunders and Mr. Alderwick of Utica, playing first and second violins, respectively, will not only have that pleasure again, but also of hearing Mr. F. Woodmansee of New York, in piano solo. Mr. Woodmansee is a player of rare talent and known to many on the Hill. There will also be duets for the violins and a trio of two violins and piano.

PIONEERS AIDED BY MONEY AND PUBLICITY

Seven New Troops Installed During Past Two Weeks. Monthly Magazine and Subscriptions Help the Cause.

O. S. STRAUS ACCEPTS OFFICE

The progress of the Pioneers of America during the past two weeks has been rapid. Rhode Island and Ohio are the latest states to be added to the list, and many more troops have been started in New York State. Mr Oscar S. Straus has accepted an honorary vice-presidency.

Subscription Fund Started.

The expansion of the organization has been greatly furthered thru the two mediums of subscriptions and an official monthly magazine. Since funds were essential to the spreading of the movement, the National Council drew up a budget of $500, and are soliciting subscriptions. So far, the following donations have been received: Mr. Charles M. Rogers, $50; Mrs. J. L. Crozer, $20; Dr. F. M. Davenport, $10; Mr. George A. Flesh, $15; Mr. George E. Dunham, $5; and Senator Griffith, $5. The budget is as follows: First edition of Handbook, $65; second edition of the same, $200; printing and postage, $20; traveling expenses, $215—total, $500. The last item is due to the fact that often troops cannot be installed by correspondence, and it is necessary to visit the community to present the case.

During the Easter vacation, Ernest Griffith '17, Chief Pioneer Executive, will make a tour of towns between Utica and Albany, including the letter city, where an opening has already been offered. He expects to start a number of new troops in this section.

Organized Publicity.

The monthly manazine, which is materially helping the publicity work of the Pioneers, is the "Pioneer-Scout," a periodical published by Mr. B. T. Burlingham, solely in the interest of these two boy movements. The paper has already appeared in Auburn and Geneva. At Ithaca both a university and a city edition will be published. Other cities on the route include Cortland, Binghamton, Syracuse, Utica, Schenectady and Albany. Each edition devotes half of its space to the Pioneers, usually running two columns explaining the organization from the Publicity Secretaries, Moore and Jones, '17. Advertisments and

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WARREN I. LEE'S SPEECH IN FULL

Radical Sentiments Uttered at Utica Alumni Dinner—Call for Less Latin in Entrance Requirements.

SAYS MUCH ABOUT PREX.

Because of the comment it aroused, alumni who were not privileged to hear it have tried to secure copies of the speech by Hon. Warren I. Lee, '99, at the Hamiton dinner in Utica. To meet this situation LIFE prints the speech in full (the first tme it has been printed, by the way), believing that the alumni will find in it material for much serious thought. Mr. Lee said:

In a recent copy of the London "Times" there appeared recently this item: "The body of a cab driver was found this morning floating in the river Thames. Both arms were missing; the head was severed from the body and both legs had been amputated. The whole body was sewed securely inside a sack. The circumstances of the case seem to preclude the idea of suicide."

Similarly, the size and enthusiasm of this gathering sets at rest the belief which now seems occasionally to prevail that Hamilton College is a victim of self-slaughter.

Praise for Prex.

That which I am to say tonight will be insufficient if I do not take into consideration the presence of that Hill and at this dinner of that able and forceful personality, that rare and interesting combination of brains and bowels known as the President of Hamilton College. I like Prex. I am for him, right or wrong. As a matter of fact he is frequently wrong, but I am for him just the same. I cannot overlook his ability or his services. As a political orator he can lambast an opponent more scientifically, utter more epigrams, arouse more enthusiasm and lose more votes for the candidate for whom he speaks than any man in the game of politics. But for him the fame of Hamilton College would never have spread half so far. But for him many of the beautiful buildlings of the campus would have been unbuilt, and but for him, its composer, Carissima, that most beautiful of College songs, would have remained forever unsung. He has industry, he has convictions and the courage to express them, and personally, I am for that kind of a President for Hamilton College. I infinitely prefer such a man to some temporizing, malleable thing, who is fit only to take the part individual without convictions or any- of the capon in a production of "Chanticleer."

Prex has treated the College well. In turn the College has treated him well. Let me show you how it has. Prefacing the demonstration I may say that the world is full of rough and uncouth men who speak harsh words. In the world which exists outside of Hamilton College feelings are not spared. Recently on West Street in New York City, I listened to the harsh and blistering language of two truck drivers whose trucks had run afoul. The harmony at a recent Democratic convention was interfered with by the profane and censorious words of the clamorous and thirsty faithful massed before the bar as they commented on the proprietor's stupidity in furnishing them with a one-armed bartender. I sat within ten feet of the ring the night Mr. Corbett and Mr. Jeffries had their celebrated twenty three round argument at Coney Island and I listened to the reviling words of Mr. Jeffries as Mr. Corbett in round after round scientifically altered his map. The other night at Madison Square Garden during the fight between Coffey and Moran, I listened to the profane and querulous outcry of Mr. Coffey at the end of the eighth round as his seconds attempted to re-locate his right ear. On a Hudson River night boat during the Constitutional Convention last summer at the close of a warm and exacting day, I heard Bill Barnes of Albany express his true sentiments concerning Roosevelt. Politics, in which I am somewhat engaged, is a rough game. The rejection of a candidate for office by an unfeeling electorate is usually done harshly—instances which I mention to show Prex the manner in which one is frequently treated in the world at large.

Should Not Handle Entering Men.

In distinction to this rough treatment, let me point out how considerately President Stryker has been treated by the alumni of this College. Last commencement time the alumni council met and apparently decided that Prex should be canned to the extent that his duty of passing upon the qualifications of entering freshmen should be taken from him. In distinction to the way men are treated in the world outside of College, let me show you how tactfully and gracefully the alumni council set about its work. They prepared a "memorial" to the Board of Trustees which read as follows:—

"In our judgment moreover, recognition should be taken of the fact that the President of the College has much important work upon his hands and that his time while he is spared to us, should be spent in work of bigger and more dignified character than the inspection of recruits. * * * * The President should not be called upon to do more than give a passing cordial welcome to the subfreshmen. The thrusting of the matter of entrance requirements upon the attention of a busy and overworked President of the College may well be regarded as an unusual imposition, and a shifting of this burden from him, it is felt, ought not to be deferred until he himself shall feel compelled to call for relief."

In other words, instead of being told to "beat it" or .'to get the hell out of here," and in distinction from politics where nobody is ever let out by the rose gate, Prex was sought to be canned by this deft and considerate "memorial," the writer of which could popularize castor oil in a foundlings' home.

There is no blinking the fact that of late there has been much criticism of Hamilton College on the part of its alumni. It is useless to contend that some of it is not deserved. The situation affecting that College is not serious, but it is believed to be serious which is about as bad. It is believed to be serious because of the habit on the part of the public of careless thinking, when it thinks at all, and because the public takes its views from somebody else or from the newspapers.

Much Careless Criticism.

There is in this world today a vast amount of careless and indifferent thinking due largely to the fact that men, instead of thinking for themselves, prefer to adopt the thoughts of others as expressed in the newspapers, or who prefer to be governed by the views of somebody who at the time happens to be popular. If, for instance, Elihu Root should advocate New York's secession from the Union, a tremendous number of our citizens would immediately commence to blame the local senator and assemblyman because the matter had not been attended to before. If ex-Governor Charles E. Hughes should suggest that the injunction, "Honor thy father and thy mother," be stricken from the Ten Commandments, there would not be lacking those who would agree that too much deference was paid to age anyway. If Professor Morrill should be accused in the newspapers of beating his wife, a majority of his neighbors would at once recall that "Bugs" always had the face of a thug.

Yet despite the fact that much of the criticism of the College, which has been aroused recently by the smallness of the last freshman class, is due to the careless thinking of which I have given instances, and of the readiness to accept without investigation the opinions of others, it is nevertheless folly not to recognize the dissatisfaction which exists or its cause. Some of the causes are easy to grasp. For example, our commencements recently have been of such a character that they inspire the subfreshmen to about the same extent that a perusal of the report of the United States Fish Commission inflames the reader and drives him on to bold and glorious deeds.

Against Week-end Commencement.

I believe the chilly and uninteresting commencements of recent years have been caused very largely by the change to a week-end commencement. The result has been that the alumni arrive in Clinton Saturday morning and leave Sunday forenoon. They attend their fraternity reunions on Saturday night and the Hill sees them not at all. The rest of the time commencement is practically deserted except for relatives and friends of the graduates. When the alumni do stay longer, instead of staying at the fraternity houses as formerly, they go to the Hotel Utica. I for one advocated a week-end commencement, but I am now convinced that the change was injurious. As I recall, the President of the College was among those who opposed the change.

In order to arouse added enthusiasm in the Commencements, I suggest, and as representing the alumni at this dinner, I urge that the Trustees of the College consider changing back to the old system. I suggest further that the alumni, who I hope will hereafter return in greater numbers, instead of living at Hotel Utica, should remain on the Hill or at their fraternity houses during the commencement week, where they can again tell to delighted audiences the stories of College days, stories many of them of the tinge of maroon-colored roof paint, but stories which never grow old. Too frequently alumni banquets on Commencement Day, which should be the most important and interesting event in the College and alumni life, are spoiled by the large number of the alumni who leave the dinner in order to catch trains for home.

Less Latin Should Be Required.

I come now to the most important source of aumni discontent. There is a feeling which exists everywhere among the alumni that the entrance requirements are too rigid. An insistence upon too much Latin is reducing enormously the number of high school graduates who are qualified to enter Hamilton College. In this situation I believe that President Stryker, who sticks to the old-time rigid requirements, is at variance with what I know to be the overwhelming sentiment of the alumni who believes that the entrance requirements should be broadened. An adherence to the old requirements is gradually causing estrangement between the alumni and the College. It hampers the work of securing freshmen. If a great amount of Latin is necessary let me respectfully offer this advice. Get the freshmen first and insist upon the added Latin afterwards, rather than insist upon the added Latin first and lose the freshmen. I do not believe that the Alumni are free from blame in respect to the present situation of the College. The tendency of the alumni, as is usual in life, is to blame somebody besides themselves. Personally I do not believe the blame for this condition should all be saddled on Prex. Concerning those matters in which he disagrees from the alumni, I would make of him a convert instead of a goat.

A famous Chinese philosopher lamenting the decease of his wife said: "My poor wife is dead. All my scalding tears cannot bring her back; therefore I weep." President Stryker, I am younger than you are; less experienced and less wise, and accordingly I am utterly unfitted to give you advice. Therefore I proceed to give it. As a memebr of the Class of '99, the only Class which has fulfilled completely the brilliant predictions of your baccalaureate sermon, let me urge you to make your fight against broadening of entrance requirements, and if you are beaten, as I hope with all my heart you will be, take your medicine as a man takes his medicine, like the thoroughbred I believe you are, and come to the conclusion that your losing was for the best of the College.

You never can tell what is best in this world. As a Sultan was one day holding audience his Grand Vizier approached him and said: "Sire, I pray thee send me to Smyrna." The Sultan replied, "No, you must remain here." A little later the Grand Vizier again went to the Sultan and again said, "Sire, I pray that you send me to Smyrna." The Sultan replied as before, "No, this cannot be done." In a short time the Grand Vizier again approached the Sultan and with increasing trepidation said, "Sire, I pray thee send me to Smyrna." This time the Sultan replied, "Why do you want to go to Smyrna?" And the Grand Vizier answered, "In the throng surrounding your throne I just saw the Angel of Death. He was looking at me fixedly. I pray you, Sire, send me to Smyrna." The Sultan thereupon replied, "You may go to Smyrna." Shortly after his departure the Sultan beckoned to the Angel of Death who approached the throne. The Sultan said to him, "Why did you look at my Grand Vizier so fixedly?" The Angel of Death replied, "I was wondering what he was doing here. I have an appointment with him in Smyrna"—showing, Mr. President, that you cannot always tell what is for the best.

The program this evening indicates that I am to speak for the alumni. This is a task of responsibility but so far as I can with propriety I accept it, and in conclusion offer in its behalf these recommedations: Inaugurate a "back to commencement" movement; and let that movement be placed in charge of this young hustler, Paul B. Williams, who is the busiest thing I have seen in many a day.

To the alumni I offer the suggestion that they cease to kick and commence to get helpfully busy in coming to commencement and in securing freshmen.

To that apparently bewildered body known as the Board of Trustees I respectfully offer the suggestion that they make the task of the alumni in securing freshmen easier by insisting upon broader entrance requirements; and I make these suggestions to the end that ultimately there shall remain on College Hill something more than a cemetery and a conviction.

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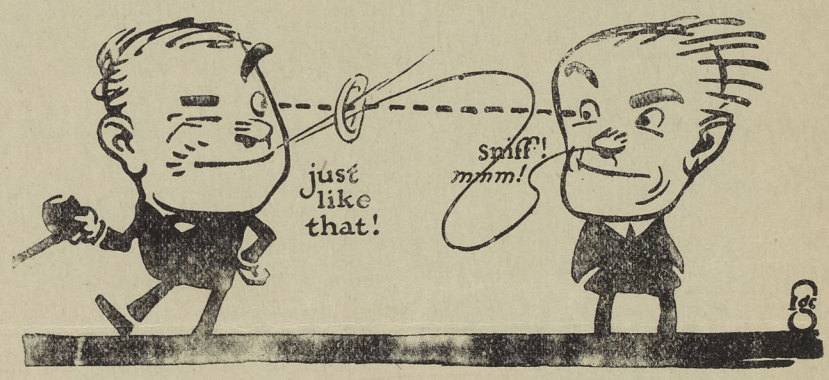

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EDITORIAL.

LIFE's Year Begins.

With the advent of Spring comes a new lease on life. With the storm and stress of the winter over, with Easter vacation looming brightly ten days away with its Musical Clubs' trip, baseball trip, Penn. relay carnival, followed by gay days in May, no one is affected gloomwise. Neither is **Life**, but at the same time its function is not dwell at length on matters which come and go as a matter of course, but to tackle grimly the problems, so that by working upward thru of every Hamilton man, student or alumnus, to get down to bed-rock, the fundamental causes of these problems, so that by working puward thru the variegated mass of arguments and discussion, it may approach, and we hope reach, a clear and reasonable solution. Criticism good and bad is a desirable element in any community, but unless it is provocative of good wholesome discussion tending toward a practical solution, it might well have gone unsaid, or unwritten.

With this end in view, **Life** wants this column to be a medium for opinions pro and con, on questions immediately concerning the undergraduates. Alumni contributions are solicited, requested, as necessary as well as invaluable.

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Week-end Commencement.

Life prints today the announcement of the plan of the Trustee Committee on Undergraduate Activities, wherein it is proposed, by means of a large informal dance, to enliven Commencement Week so that more Alumni will come back on the old Hill not only, but also that those who do come will stay awhile and make themselves at home, bringing their families to be sure. The announcement, according to which details will appear shortly, is timely. Recent Commencement exercises bear witness to the fact that something is missing, and **Life** is sure an "informal," with all the acoutrements making for jollity, would do much toward relieving the existing, unsatisfactory program. Mr. Rudd plans to fit the innovation into the accoutrements making for jollity, donment of the week-end program has been argued by several lately, also brought up and advocated by Lee '99 in his speech printed on page 2. The introduction of a dance into the midst of things purposes to remedy while keeping the week-end program, into which it more naturally fits.

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What Are We Here For?

Rumors about changes in the curriculum and in entrance requirements are current of late. Rumors only. There is no doubt in the minds of all that the question rumored has a direct bearing on agitation for a larger Hamilton. **Life** makes bold to assert that it is the hearty wish of every undergraduate on the Hill to see a marked increase in the entering classes. That is really hardly a bold assertion; rather a fact. The whys and wherefores of a larger Hamilton require an inspection into the existing conditions.

First: Are those conditions satisfactory? Right now, today, are the undergraduates satisfied with the arrangement of the curriculum? Are undergraduates satisfied with the entrance requirements? Are the Alumni satisfied? And what is still more important, is the community to which the College caters satisfied?

To those who advocate holding fast to the present arrangement of curriculum and to the present demands for entrance, present conditions must be satisfactory. Taking the courses as grouped under the present elective system into consideration, **Life** asserts that they are NOT satisfactory to those taking them. Too often do students in choosing their next year's course find that two subjects which they want, and which are not only allowed by the group system but which are desired above any others, are scheduled FOR THE SAME HOUR. Conflicts are unavoidable to be sure, but why make them obnoxious by giving the preference to languages? The answer that this is a classical college presupposes that languages tend to constitute a classical course! And if this is such a college with languages for its backbone, which the students are practically forced to take on account of the arrangement of courses, why give a Bachelor of Science degree? To be sure, a student may make two complete courses in science, but for the other half of his program, he must take languages whether he wants them or not! English Literature, History, Economics, Political Science, and Law are barred. This is the situation in general. **Life** suggests that the present curriculum be arranged for the best interests of those taking the courses.

MORE ABOUT PREPAREDNESS

New York Alumni Reply to Letter of Thomas '09.

Editor of Hamilton **Life**:

Allow me to congratulate the College on having attained "the mental balance of a young ladies' seminary" which includes, amongst many others, Lindley M. Garrison, Theodore Roosevelt, Joseph H. Choate, Leonard Wood, Elihu Root, Bradley A. Fiske, George Washington, and Marjorie. I have ommitted "The Munition Makers." Why drag them in? They have goods to sell. To do so they would like to make a market. Therefore, they urge preparedness. Suppose we admit that their motive is wholly mercenary. What of it? What has the morality of the arms' manufacturers got to do with the question whether or no the country ought to be put in a state of defense? A hungry man does not cease to be hungry, does he, simply because some one bent on making money tries to sell him food?

Yours sincerely,

E. W. Root '04.

Editor of Hamilton **Life**:

The letter from my friend Harrison C. Thomas '09, published in the issue of **Life** of March 28th, is not without its fallacies which I take a certain amount of pleasure in pointing out.

A very little reflection will show that the inconsistency which he affects to the use between the two editorials in **Life**, one praising the Plattsburg idea and the other bemoaning the dearth of competition for oration and essay prizes does not exist. If it were true that all men who are too proud to fight or too lazy to fit themselves to aid in the defense of their country, are deep and earnest students, this country would be totally free from so-called pacifists because an opposition to a reasonable measure of defense for this country can only spring from an absolute and bitter ignorance of history, the greatest and most necessary study of all. The propesition that a man unable to face facts tion that a man unable to face facts and unwilling to prepare to meet the results of such facts is necessarily or probably a scholar does not require lengthy refutation.

I even venture the opinion that if the men eligible for the orations and essays mentioned had spent four weeks at Plattsburg last summer, there would have been no dearth of competition. While at college I had some evperience with writing orations and essays, and I certainly observed that most unmilitary procrastination and unpreparedness were responsible whenever the members of my class and I myself failed to take full advantage of the opportunities offered. An inquiry around College will probably show several men who were going to write for the prizes but put it off until too late, and some men who wrote but did not make their best showing for the same reason. A little of the "do it now" spirit of Plattsburg might have helped a lot.

To defend one's country has hitherto been regarded as a natural and even laudable thing. But to Thomas this is not a characteristic reaction. That 180 men of Hamilton should freely shed their dimes requires for him an explanation. He finds in it a gigantic conspiracy, involving the naive Marjorie Sterrett, the only American statesman, Elihu Root, the able Mr. Simonds of the New York Stock Exchange, that seasoned chopping-block for reformers, the wealthy munition workers and others unknown to the grand jury. Either there is a great shortage of dimes in central New York or the cause assigned is out of proportion to the effect.

I prefer to think that a knowledge of history including that of Poland, a perfect example of unchecked selfish individualism and the one European nation which has disappeared from the face of the earth, and of Belgium, a nation which relied on the good will of others, and even perhaps of the military history of our own country, with its wars covering about one year in every five since July 4th, 1776, wars long drawn out for want of a proper military system has in some way spread among the student body. I am not surprised that a student body which will stand a tax of $15.00 apiece and work for two months to perfect a team of 11 men, will stand a tax of 10c. a piece and see the need of a certain amount of work and preparation to perfect a team of a million men. But then I am not easily surprised.

The fact that amunition workers will make money out of preparation for war, and are even in favor of such preparation, will not be a conclusive argument against such preparation, with anyone who is not prejudiced against anyone making money in any way. It is true they make money and want to make money, but this fact simply has no relevancy.

The fact that tailors believe in buying clothes in preparation for the winter, and even spend money to spread that belief, hoping thereby to make a profit, will not lead any truly sensible and modest man to face the oncoming winter without pants.

I apologize to Mr. Thomas for my sarcasm. I simply cannot help it. I know that he is sincere and serious. I am sincere and serious too. I am sending him, by the way, a copy of this letter.

In conclusion, let me say that I was at Plattsburg last summer, and I am going back next summer to stay as long as I possibly can. I regard the experience as being the most valuable I have ever undergone.

I hope that this summer there will be many Hamilton men there. The training creates no thirst for war. The men who go to Plattsburg have

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Fair Two: Yes, but I like Mr. Ogilvie better still.

Bill Marsh: Did Browning ever write jokes for a funny paper, Mr. Timmerman?

Timm: Sure, he wrote Pro-spice.

On Bugs Trip.

Hawks: I don't see any difference between these red and crimson oaks, Prof. Morrill.

Bugs: There is just a shade of difference, Mr. Hawks.

Easy!

Chas.: How do those German soldiers get the Iron Cross?

Louis: Oh, they just have to get it hot for a while.

Tomper claims there's nothing in the saying that "Cleanliness is next to godliness."

In Schnitz's class those men are nuts
Who bear the scars of many cuts.

In Ripley's class those men are fools
Who do not sleep while Ripley drools.

In Brownie's class those men are blokes
Who do not laugh at Brownie's jokes.

In Little Greek's the man is crazy
Who thinks it pays him to be lazy.

In Calvin's course, deserve our hate
Those men who study a debate.

ABOUT PREPAREDNESS

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plans which reached into the future and which would be interfered with by sudden death. But when the time comes that a single line of men alone stands between this country and burning and slaughter, the Plattsburgers want to be able to hold, each man his own yard of front, and to hold it right.

Very sincerely yours,
Edmund Patten Glover '10.
New York, April 6, 1916.

—Miller and Ives '19, have reported for Assistant Manager of Life.

—Bratton, Parmelee, Perkins and Reed '19, are candidates for Assistant Manager of Football.

—A bequest to Hamilton College of $500.00 is contained in the will of the late Frank B. Serverance '87, of Remsen, N. Y. The bequest is made "for the cause of Christian Education." Mr. Serverance makes the gift "as an expression of his love and gratitude to his Alma Mater."

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—Rev. Arthur S. Hoyt '72, of Auburn Seminary and a trustee of the College, announces the engagement of his daugther, Hildegarde, to Arthur L. Swift of New York.

—Seventy-five sub-Freshmen, over half of whom are actively interested in Hamilton, are the results of the efforts of "Fritz" Lee and Karl McNair '15.

—"A free hand, with power to carry out his own plans in Mexico," is the position of President Wilson as described by Ex-Senator Davenport in the "Outlook."

—George E. Dunham '79, of the Utica "Press," has given one of the prizes for a declamation contest in Whitesboro on May 1st. The winner will be entered in the Hamilton preliminary in Utica on May 5th.

—Manion '11, who is taking graduate work at Columbia, was injured during baseball practice at South Field, last week.

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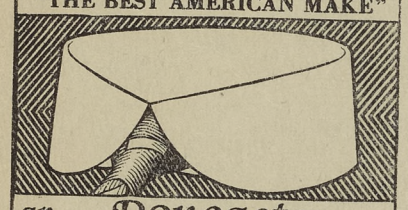

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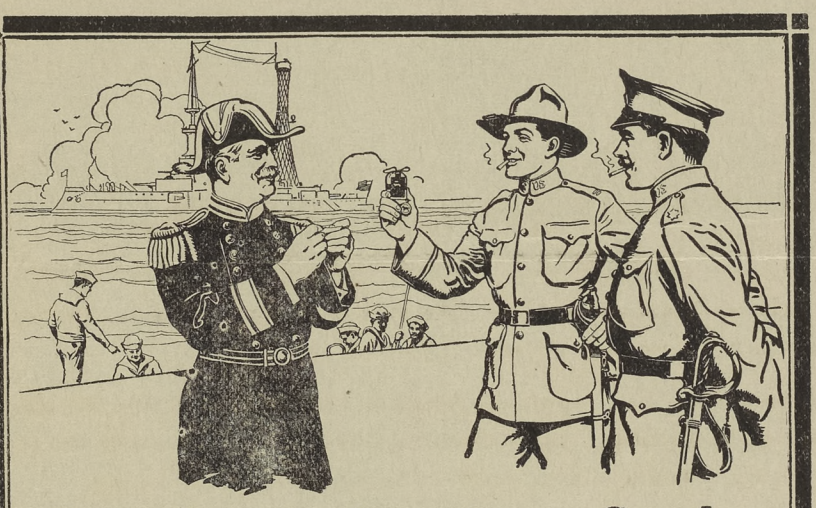

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Risley Pleased When Two Indoor Records Went by the Boards, Parmelee '19, Won Over Boyce in the Mile.

In the Interclass meet on Thursday night, characterized by Coach Risley as the "peppiest" in some years, two former indoor records in the high jump and in the 440 went by the boards without a murmur. Capt. Nichols in the 440 clipped a second from Shields' former record of 58 2-5 sec., while Banks in the high jump felt so springy that he soared to 5 ft. 7 in. before he decided that 3 inches was enough to add to his former record. The Sophomores nabbed the pennant by rolling up points in every event but the mile. The, Juniors champions for the past two years, were forced to take second place. The points scored by classes were: Sophomores, 30 4-5; Juniors, 26 3-5; Seniors, 20; Freshmen, 12 3-5.

Indoor Records Broken.

Nearly all of the men ran true to form. Parmelee '19, in the mile, pleased Coach Risley by wining over Johnny Boyce in 4 min. 50 sec. Capt. Nichols proved the bear for work with a first and a record in the 440, a second place in the half-mile, and a third in 220 and mile. Shields '17, had high individual score with 13 points, two firsts, in the 22-yd., and 220-yd. dashes, and a second in the 440. A surprise was sprung in the standing broad-jump when T. B. Jones '18, led the field with 9 ft. 2 in.

The half-mile relay lacked some of the interest of former years owing to the teams running against time instead of an opposing team. The Sophs showed the best speed with the Juniors second and Frosh third. The Seniors waived the right to run, as Nichols and Banks did not consider themselves a team, and Eells said the half-mile was enough for him.

The meet was the first real chance the track men have had to unlimber themselves, and all showed up well. "Floyd" declared that the meet as a whole was better than last year's. "All of the men ran fairly true to form," said he, "and I was well pleased. I won't say that we'll have a better track team than last year's, but it will be just as good. There are a couple of Freshmen who should bolster up the weak spots."

The summary of events:

22-yard dash: First, Shields '17; second, Moore '18; third, Ludlow '18. Time, 3 1-5.

220-yard dash: First, Shields '17; second, Moore '18; third, Nichols '16. Time, 27 2-5.

440-yard dash: First, Nichols '16; second, Shields '17; third, Moore, '18. Time, 57 2-5.

High Jump: First, Banks '16; tied for second, Dise, Woolnough '17, Schwartz '18, Keeler and Morrow '19. Height, 5 ft. 7 in.

Half-mile: First, Jessup '18; second, Nichols '16; third, Welsh '19. Time, 2 min. 14 3-5 sec.

Shot-Put: First, Woolnough '17; second, Russell '18; third, J. Jones '17. Distance, 31 ft. 7 1-2 in.

One-Mile: First , Parmelee '19; second, Boyce '17; third, Nichols '16. Time, 4 min. 50 sec.

Standing Broad-Jump: First, T. B. Jones '18; second, Hamlin '19; third, Riley '19. Distance, 9 ft. 2 in.

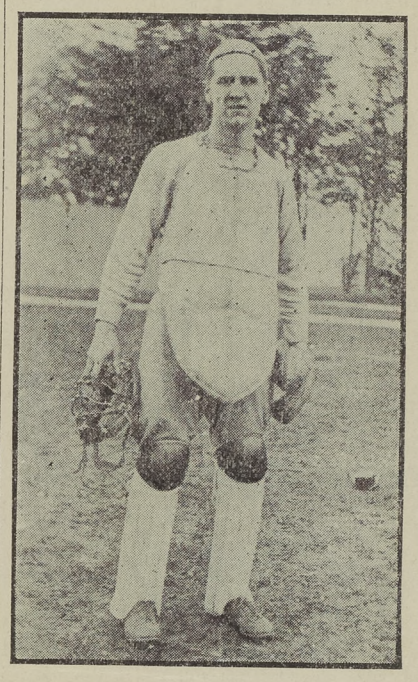
Running, hop, step and jump: First, Banks '16; second, Bull '18; third, Schwartz '18. Distance, 34 ft. 3 in.

Half-Mile Relay: First, 1918 (Coleridge, Jessup, Powers, Ludlow); second, 1917 (Lyons, Jones, Moore, Shields); third, 1919 (Reed, Perkins, Hamlin, Vlentine).

Twenty-Five Men Practising in the Cage

"The fellows are slugging the ball to all parts of the cage, and ought to give a good account of themselves in Syracuse, April 18," says Coach Myers in describing the work of the baseball squad. "Art" Miller also is optimistic about the team: "We are going to play better ball this year than last, and I think that we can at least beat Union and Colgate." To make these statements realities, Coach Myers and Captain Miller are increasing the amount of daily practice. Owing to the bad weather it is imposible to get much practice out of doors before the 18th, and so Capt. Miller plans to give everybody a stiff workout in the cage. He will use the pitchers and the other candidates will all have a chance. The showing made in the practice will for the most part determine the line up which will make the Easter trip. The workouts of the pitchers continue to be light and will continue so as long as the cold weather lasts. "Artie" is confident that Whitman will be able to bear the lion's share of the pitching this season. Root and Schwartz are working regularly and will be in fine condition to aid Whitman. Miller will be responsible for most of the back-stop work, with Peck '18 as his understudy. The infield will be the same as last year, with the possible exception of first base, for which position Paige and Griffith '16, are trying out. Higgins and Behan will doubtless be seen at their old places. The outfield will be well taken care of by the Gows.

Twenty-five men are out for the team now, eleven men working for infield berths, seven for the outfield position, four for pitchers, and three for catchers' jobs. Those trying out for the infield are: Aldrich Griffith, Higgins, McLouth, Paige, '16, Behan '17, Fursman '18, Brooks,



Capt. "Artie" Miller

Bruins, Griffith, Bratton and Stone, '19. The outfield candidates are: the Gows, Paige, '16, Meola '17, Cavanaugh and Powers '18. The pitchers are Whitman '17, Schwartz and Root '18. Miller '16, Peck '18 and Keeler '18, are aspirants for the back-stop position.

—J. B. Jessup '15, has a position with the DuPont de Nemours Powder, Co., at Hopewell, Va.

—Dr. Frank H. Wood will deliver an Arbor Day address in Whitesboro, May 5th.

—Six hundred graduates of the University of Pennsylvania are actively engaged in the European War.

PIONEERS AIDED BY MONEY AND PUBLICITY

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subscriptions at fifty cents a year, support the paper. Thru the efforts of Mr. Burlingham as special publicity secretary, a troop has been started at Waterloo, just outside of Geneva, and another will soon be started in Seneca Falls.

Mr. Oscar S. Straus of New York expressed in warm terms his willingness to be an honorary vice-president of the organization.

During the past two weeks, troops have been started in Preble, N. Y., White Plains, N. Y., Newport, Rhode Island, Youngstown, O., Turin, N.Y., New York City and Waterloo, N.Y.

The National Executive Council puts in an earnest plea to the student body for contributions, no matter how small.

—The baseball team of Waseda University, Japan, will land in San Francisco on May 4 to play several of the leading American universities.

—Syracuse is to vote on the honor system which it rejected several years ago.

50 HIGH SCHOOLS WILL SEND REPRESENTATIVES

Speakers From All Parts of the State Will Strive to Qualify for the Finals.

50 speakers from as many high schools are slated to take part in the seven Interacademic preliminary contests, to be held the next four weeks. The winners at the contests at the various centers will speak here on Interacademic Day, May 13th. Ten men will appear here for the final contest, one from each of the smaller centers and two from the larger ones. The first contest will be held at Mt. Vernon on April 27. The day following, one will be held at Rochester. April 29 is the date for the Troy contest. The fourth one will be held in Utica on May 5, the same time as the Binghamton contest. The Newark and Brooklyn contests are slated for April 28.

List of High Schools.

For the contest at Mt. Vernon the following schools are scheduled to send a representative: Drum Hill High School, Peekskill, Ossining, Nyack, New Rochelle, Marmaroneck, Mt. Vernon, Pelham, Manor, Carmel high schools; Wilmen Academy of Nyack, and Holyoke High School of Holyoke, Mass. At Rochester, these high schools will be represented: Albion, Batavia, Sharlot, Dansville, Fairport, Le Roy, Newark, East and West Rochester, and Waterloo.

The high schools to compete at Troy include Amsterdam, Egberts High School of Cohoes, Kingston, Lansingburg, Watervliet and Saratoga Springs. At the Utica contest representatives from the following schools will compete: Hamilton, Ilion, Littlefalls, Canastota, Pulaski, U. F. A., New Hartford, Rome, Whitesboro, Oneida, Camden, Vernon, and Assumption Academy of Utica. The high schools of Addison, Binghamton, Norwich and Port Jervis will compete at Binghamton.

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the work, which is being conducted by the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches, the services to be held in the Town Hall. A special feature for the evening meetings will be the choir of 100 voices under Bergner's leadership. Muir and Beach will have charge of the speaking and personal work.

Another group of men will work from Sunday the 23rd thru the 30th at the First Presbyterian Church of Camden, of which Rev. Ralph B. Colson '11, is the pastor, with the services in the Opera House. Fenn '16 will lead this campaign. Norton will have charge of the personal work and Brooks of the boys work. The music will be in charge of Huntsman '18.